



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP

For the week ending October 30, 2004, growers placed 10.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.8 million) increased 0.2% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 3.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending October 23, 2004 compared to 11.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
09/04/04	13,809	13,342	11,788	11,509	11,791	11,509
09/11/04	12,900	12,708	11,934	11,584	11,935	11,584
09/18/04	12,409	12,087	11,755	11,501	11,759	11,501
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181
10/02/04	13,086	13,389	10,559	10,634	10,559	10,634
10/09/04	13,044	13,015	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,942
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,112
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151
10/30/04	13,799	13,314	10,787	10,807	10,787	10,807

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 11/06/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	61.86	61.64	63.26	58.86
12-City Composite 2/	67.76	68.01	69.92	64.04

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.